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Peterson, Blum Retire; Bartlett Transfers



Administrator Ervin L. Peterson



Associate Administrator John C. Blum

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In a series of announcements that came almost weekly at the Administrator's staff meetings in late May and early June, Administrator Ervin Peterson and Associate Administrator John Blum announced their retirements and Deputy Administrator Richard Bartlett announced that he is leaving AMS.

Mr. Peterson, who has headed the agency for three years, announced May 21 that he will retire June 30. Mr. Blum originally announced on June 4 that he would retire August 15 after 36 years with AMS. Then at the June 11 meeting Mr. Blum said his official retirement date had been pushed up from Aug. 15 to July 31, but that he would be available to AMS "for transitional purposes" until Oct. 1. Asked what that

availability entails, Mr. Blum said he will be acting administrator until July 31, and will be in the office full-time (with the exception of a two-week vacation in August) until Oct. 1.

If a new administrator is not named by July 31, Mr. Blum said, Deputy Administrator Bill Walker will be designated acting administrator after that date.

Also on June 11 Deputy Administrator for Management Dick Bartlett announced that he will leave AMS in four to six weeks to become associate director for administration with the National Bureau of Standards in Gaithersburg, Md. Mr. Bartlett was notified in the

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winter that he was one of 60 being considered for the position through the Civil Service Commission's Executive Inventory Program. The field narrowed to four in the spring and his selection became final in May.

Asked about the coincidences of the simultaneous changeovers in the top staff, Mr. Peterson said, "It's just that—a coincidence." Mr. Blum said "that he began thinking and talking about retiring last December. I had in mind retiring before mid-year. Mr. Peterson's announcement just caused a minor adjustment in my plans."

All three men are confident that there is a reserve of professionalism in AMS that will help the agency weather the changeover period.



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"I have no qualms about AMS carrying on despite the transition pain that may be involved for a while," Mr. Blum said. "There are good people here who can be relied upon to help out in the transition."

For Dick Bartlett, leaving is made easier because he feels that his work here is done.

"I'm most proud of the fact that I can leave this job and not be missed. We have the most capable directors in management support and in total staff of any agency in USDA and I'd be willing to bet in the entire government. I really do mean that," Mr. Bartlett said, "these people are tops."

Looking to Bill Walker

Mr. Peterson, Mr. Blum, and Mr. Bartlett are also looking to newly-appointed Deputy Administrator Bill Walker to smooth the transition. Mr. Walker, 42, who was deputy commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture from 1971 to 1975, joined AMS as the deputy administrator for program operations on June 1.

"Bill Walker has a unique combination of experience as farmer, legislator, and administrator," Mr. Peterson said, adding that these qualities "are of particular value to AMS at this time."

Mr. Walker said he is not worried about the changes that have been announced recently, and that he will take each day's problems one by one.

For the Administrator, retirement will mean heading home to Sacramento, Calif., with his wife Gladys and son Kent. "We'll get our gear together, sort it out, and settle down," said Mr. Peterson, who expects to do some consulting work and to pursue property and personal interests—in short, "to be busier than ever."

While the Petersons are heading west, the Associate Administrator and his wife Mabel will head south to build a vacation cottage at Nagshead, N.C. The Blums also plan to do some traveling, to spend time with their three children and grandchildren who are in the Washington area, and Mr. Blum will "do a little something along the lines of my professional interest."

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On June 3, his second day on the job, Deputy Administrator Bill Walker (right) chats with Assistant Secretary Richard Feltner in the Assistant Secretary's office.



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Deputy Administrator for Management Services Richard P. Bartlett, Jr.

Peterson, Blum, Bartlett—cont'd.

John Blum, who has been with USDA since 1939 when he joined the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Upper Darby, Pa., was named associate administrator in March 1974. Before that he worked up through the Dairy Division as an economist, and was successively named agricultural economist on the Administrator's staff in 1963, assistant deputy administrator, and deputy administrator in 1967.

"I think AMS is the greatest organization in the world," he said. "I've enjoyed my 36 years here, most of them in the marketing service. I think it's a professional organization with competent people in all the key management spots."

Dick Bartlett came to USDA with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in 1951 and moved through the ranks as a statistician; with the Fruit and Vegetable Division; as director of the Statistical Staff which was formed in 1965; and as the deputy administrator for

Management Services in 1972. He leaves with mixed feelings.

"You don't just walk away from 23 years of friendship . . . I have a lot of friends in the agency and a lot of interest in their programs. I think I'd have to be frank and say I've done all I can . . . It's time for new blood."

Although Mr. Bartlett feels ready for the challenge at NBS which will put him in charge of about 1,000 persons in the management staff there (in AMS he oversaw the work of 250-300 people), he does not leave AMS with a totally free spirit.

"I have one real concern in leaving, particularly with the three of us leaving," he said. "I have enough blood in this agency that I feel strongly that the top jobs should remain career positions."

Management division directors will rotate as acting deputy administrator until a replacement for Mr. Bartlett is selected. □



Administrator Peterson (right) introduces newly-appointed Deputy Administrator Bill Walker to the lighter side of AMS.

Bill Walker Joins AMS As Deputy Administrator

Former Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture William H. Walker, III, 42, joined AMS as the deputy administrator for program operations June 1.

"I think he's a very professionally oriented individual," Associate Administrator John Blum said. "He knows agriculture, and the marketing problems of agriculture."

Mr. Walker, who is from Brownsville, Tenn., operates a 1,000-acre farm in Haywood County, Tenn., where he produces cotton, soybeans, timber, beef and dairy products.

Walker was in the U.S. Army from 1955-56. He received a B.S. degree in 1958 and an M.S. degree in 1961, both in animal husbandry from the University of Tennessee. He has served as a Baptist deacon and Sunday School teacher in Tennessee.

In addition to four years as deputy commissioner of agriculture, Bill Walker has served on the Tennessee House of Representatives and the House Agriculture Committee, and in 1970-71 was the state's member on USDA's Regional Farmer Advisory Committee.

"He's had experience with a state department of agriculture that has a number of programs similar to those in AMS," Mr. Blum said. "Bill has a great interest in the activities of the Department and I think he'll do a competent job."

Although he sees the job as "an opportunity to expand my knowledge in a very broad and vital area of activity," Mr. Walker emphasizes that, "I didn't come because I wanted to leave the farm . . . it wasn't an easy decision."

Influencing that decision was his belief that "AMS plays an important role in the marketing system," and "the proper marketing of commodities is paramount to success for the American farmer."

Mr. Walker stressed that he has an active interest in market news. "When the producer is getting close to a marketing decision," he said, "he wants to know, 'What's happening now?'"

"Market news is a vital tool of management today, just as what and when to plant and how much fertilizer to apply."

Bill Walker's selection was the result of a search that began in March 1974 with 137 candidates to be considered, and ended in May 1975. Emma Akers, the personnel staffing specialist who worked on filling the deputy administrator position, said that candidates were considered from within USDA, from other branches of the federal government, and from outside of the federal service, including national trade and professional associations, universities and colleges, and state departments of agriculture.

Delighted with the cordiality and friendliness he's encountered so far with AMS folks in Washington, Walker conceded that in Tennessee "this is looked on as the big Washington bureaucracy." He doesn't think that's so, though, and will do his best to counteract that attitude.

"We're representing people across the country and need to respond in some manner to people in the field." His philosophy is unabashedly Trumanesque: "I don't believe in passing the buck to someone else, and that's the way people out in the country feel about the bureaucracy here."

Mr. Walker's wife June and two children will join him at the end of the summer and the family will reside in McLean, Va. Alison Elisabeth and Brandon Rew, who are almost 11 and 10, have never been to Washington, D.C. before. They are busy reading up on the Nation's capital and are excited about living here during the Bicentennial celebrations. □

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Honorees Converge in D.C. For 29th Awards Ceremony

About 600 USDA employees picked up their heels to strains of John Philip Sousa by the Army Materiel Command Band May 28 as they abandoned gray offices for the green of the Sylvan Theater, traditional setting of the USDA Honor Awards Ceremony. The Washington, D.C. employees came to applaud their own, who came in from all over the country, for this 29th Annual Ceremony, held on the Washington Monument Grounds.

A good AMS contingent was there to see Leo Denbo, Irene Ferrante, Bernice Freeman, Roger Kerr and Roy McDonald receive Superior Service Awards and congratulations from Secretary Earl Butz. The Superior Service Award is USDA's second highest honor.

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As everyone knows, an executive has practically nothing to do, except to decide what is to be done; to tell somebody to do it; to listen to reasons why it should not be done, why it should be done by someone else, or why it should be done in a different way; to follow up to see if the thing has been done; to discover that it has been done incorrectly; to point out how it should have been done; to conclude that, as long as it has been done, it might as well be left where it is; to wonder if it is not time to get rid of a person who cannot do a thing right; to reflect that he probably has a wife and a large family, and that certainly any successor would be just as bad, and maybe worse; to consider how much simpler and better the thing would have been done if one had done it oneself in the first place; to reflect sadly that one could have done it in twenty minutes, and as things turned out, one has to spend two days to find out why it has taken three weeks for someone else to do it wrong.



Assistant Secretary for Administration Joseph R. Wright, Jr., quotes *Forbes' Famous Law* (above) in his Remarks at Awards Ceremony.



Secretary of Commerce Rogers C.B. Morton (left), guest speaker, and Secretary Earl Butz chat while waiting for ceremonies to begin.

Robert Leverette and Roy McDonald of the Livestock Division won a joint award for collaborating in the development of the Beef Carcass Data Service, but Bob Leverette is recuperating from back surgery and will receive his award from the Secretary in a private ceremony when he returns to work.

For most of AMS's honorees this was a first trip to Washington. It seemed that nature, which gave the area one of its few balmy, clear, and springlike days this year, and the pomp and excitement that go with good speakers and a marching band, were in league to make this a memorable venture.

This was the first trip to Washington for both Roger Kerr of the Livestock Division and his wife Eloisa, who said she was "very proud and happy" about her husband's accomplishment. The Kerrs were making a long weekend of the trip so they could get a good look at the nation's capital. From the traffic they'd already experienced, though, both admitted it was a nice place to visit but . . .

Their preference is Colorado, where Roger has garnered several awards in his 14 years with AMS for outstanding clerical, administrative, and technical work in the Market News office in Greeley.

Another honoree with 14 years in the hopper was the Grain Division's Irene Ferrante. Irene, mother of five, ranging in age from 28 to 7, said the kids and husband Bill thought it was wonderful that Mom had the chance to come to Washington for such an honor—just so long as she didn't stay any longer than she had to. Irene received her award for exceptional efficiency in clerical and administrative functions in the Grain Division's Market News office in Portland, Ore.

Asked if she enjoys her work and plans to stay with AMS way into the future, Mrs. Ferrante simply said, "Oh yes, after 14 years I'm going to stay with AMS . . . and the Grain Division." Irene said she was very surprised when she was told about the award. "No one had even mentioned that I'd been nominated . . . to think I was nominated out of 80,000 people."

Irene wasn't the only one thinking statistically that day. In his remarks, Secretary Butz noted that 77 per-



AMS award winners end the ceremonies in a proud pose. From left: Bernice Freeman, Roy McDonald, Roger Kerr, Mrs. Earl Butz, Secretary Butz, Irene Ferrante, Leo Denbo, and Ralph Marceron. (The

cent, or 68,000 of the Department's 80,000 employees, work outside of the Washington area.

These people work "out where the people are, the problems are, and the opportunities for service are," the Secretary said. "They bring to reality the charge that Lincoln gave (this Department) when he founded it in 1872: 'I want this to be a People's Department.' I think it is indeed a People's Department," Mr. Butz continued, "and a service Department."

If USDA is a Department of the People, a mandate given it by a President over a century ago, it is because of families like the Denbos.

Leo Denbo, who received a Superior Service Award for his administrative ability as supervisor of the Federal-State fruit and vegetable inspection program in Texas and New Mexico, is the first generation of Denbos in the Fruit and Vegetable Division. Son Richard, 25, isn't exactly on board yet, but as a collaborator fruit and vegetable inspector on the Chicago terminal market, he is an up and coming AMS'er.

How did he feel when he learned of the award? Although he said he wouldn't "know how to put it into

words," Leo did a pretty good job: "It was a stunning experience."

Not only were Bernice Freeman and her husband Bertrand "elated" when she was first notified of the award, but Bernice is afraid that she will "be going back to Chicago with a swollen head, and they won't be able to live with me in the office."

The Secretary congratulated Bernice for her work as supervisory clerk in the Chicago Fruit and Vegetable Market News office. Bernice has spent most of her 30-year career with the federal government with AMS or predecessor agencies.

Guest speaker at the ceremony was Secretary of Commerce Rogers C.B. Morton. Secretary Morton was introduced not only as a former Secretary of the Interior and member of Congress from the Eastern Shore of Maryland, but also as a farmer in his own right . . . "a genuine corn and soybean farmer."

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Secretary congratulated Ralph for being the only USDA recipient this year of the Tenth Annual Federal Paperwork Management Award.)



Secretary of Commerce Morton, "a genuine corn and soybean farmer," leans into his Address.

"We owe you a debt of gratitude," Mr. Morton told the honorees. "Without the dedicated work of civil servants in government, we couldn't get along for half a day."

Secretary Morton spoke of his recent trip to the Orient and his feelings about the changing world and the future. People are better clothed and better fed now, he said. Parallel to this new quality of life a new world order is coming, along with the exchanges that must take place in a sophisticated economy.

Challenging the definition of bureaucracy as a hardening of the procedural arteries in government, Secretary Morton cited the mission of USDA as one of ideas. "The mission of the Department of Agriculture and government is clearly one for the future," he said. We "must rely on creative ideas . . . for a better world in the future and not rest on the laurels of the past."

Roy McDonald and Bob Leverette of the Livestock Division were, in essence, honored for an idea, an idea which, Roy said, was first brought to the Department by a group of cattle producers. That idea turned out to be what is now the Beef Carcass Data Service. What began as a pilot project involving 10,000 head of ear-tagged cattle in four states, is now, three years later, a bona fide program returning data to producers on over 100,000 tagged animals across the country.

Roy, main station supervisor of the Meat Grading Branch, is stationed in Atlanta, Ga. He and Bob Leverette, assistant chief of the Branch, stationed in Washington, D.C., were together responsible for taking an idea, a request from producers, and turning it into a tangible project, and for bringing that project through its transition stages to the program it is today.

Roy has a lot going on the job, and at home. He is the father of one daughter in pre-medical school, one daughter in pre-law school, and three children in junior high. All things considered, he said, he feels "terrific." □

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COTTON

● **AOCS Presents Award in Memory of R. T. Doughtie, Jr.**

At its 1975 Spring meeting, the American Oil Chemists' Society presented the first annual R. T. Doughtie, Jr. Cup to the top analyst in the Society's annual series of check cottonseed samples.

The Cup, in honor of the late **R. T. Doughtie, Jr.**, was awarded to Ronnie M. Fox, a chemist with the Texas Testing Laboratories, a commercial lab in Dallas.

During his 36 years with USDA, Doughtie was instrumental in developing and improving USDA's cottonseed grading program. At the time of his death in 1972, he was supervisor of Cottonseed Grading for the AMS Cotton Division in Memphis, Tenn.

Although Doughtie was active in several scientific organizations, including the National Cottonseed Products Association, and devoted much time to improving methods for sampling and analyzing oilseeds and oilseed products, the work of the AOCS was his special interest.

AOCS was founded in 1908 to advance technology and research to improve analysis of vegetable oils. Doughtie joined the Society in 1933. He became chairman of the Smalley Committee, which does

research in cottonseed, and a member of the Examination Board.

In 1970 AOCS presented Doughtie with its Award of Merit. The simplicity of its title belies the significance of this highly prestigious award, which has been given only three times in the Society's 67-year history.

DAIRY

● The Division regrets the death May 21 of **Nicholas L. Keyock**, market administrator of the Puget Sound Milk Order for the past 24 years.

Edward A. Bugbee, who has been with the Dairy Division for over 30 years, has been named administrator of the Puget Sound Order.

● **Webber, Semerad Participate in 3-A Meeting**

Dick Webber of the Standardization Branch and **Bob Semerad** of the Inspection and Grading Branch participated in the 3-A Sanitary Standards Committee meeting April 8-10 at Hunt Valley, Md.

Dick explains that 3-A is an organization of equipment manufacturers, users, and sanitarians (both federal and state). The purpose of 3-A is to develop

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standards so that both the materials and construction methods used in equipment manufacture are sanitary. In the past the program has led to many sanitary standards for milk handling and processing equipment, and the organization is now working on standards for equipment for manufactured dairy products.

As a member of 3-A's Joint Sanitarians Committee, Dick reviewed tentative standards for such equipment as egg breakers and ice cream freezers. Bob joined in the user group discussions on proposed standards for items such as transportation tanks and homogenizers.

When standards are completed, manufacturers often display the 3-A symbol—widely accepted as a mark of satisfactory sanitary design, materials, and fabrication—on their equipment.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

● Market News Reporters Speak To Various Audiences

Fred Tuttle, officer-in-charge, Los Angeles, Calif., recently spoke on market news and marketing fruits and vegetables to a food service class at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, Calif. Instructors have found that a good knowledge of the marketing of fruits and vegetables coupled with the use of market news reports, really helps their students develop menus and procurement requirements in the classroom. Fred also discussed market news with a group of southern California avocado growers at a meeting arranged by the San Diego County Extension Service.

Charlie Hackensmith, officer-in-charge, Madison, Wis., was recently interviewed by Ed Parminter of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture about problems in marketing the 1974 potato crop. The interview will be distributed to about 60 radio stations throughout Wisconsin.

Charlie Rannels, officer-in-charge, Pittsburgh, Pa., explained the market news program to a group of 35 students from West Virginia University. The students were interested in learning about the marketing of fruits and vegetables in the Pittsburgh area and the function of the market news program.

● Potato Shippers Take Advantage of Interest in Home Gardening

John Boyle, officer-in-charge, Presque Isle, Maine, reports that two large Maine seed potato shippers have taken advantage of the increased interest in home

gardening by packing certified seed potatoes in 10-pound bags for the retail trade. Department store chains such as K-Mart and Grants are selling potatoes in their garden centers.

● Changes in Operation at Las Cruces, Elizabeth City

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture has agreed that the spring lettuce and onion crops grown in New Mexico can be adequately reported by **Mike Shine**, officer-in-charge, federal-state market news office at Phoenix, Ariz. This eliminates the need for a federal reporter to be stationed at Las Cruces during May and June. However, plans are to open a seasonal office again in Las Cruces next fall since the fall lettuce crop is about three times as large as the spring crop.

The Elizabeth City, N.C., seasonal potato office, which normally operates from mid-June to mid-July, will not open this season. The work of the Elizabeth City office will be combined with reporting duties at a new office to open in Faison, N.C.

Charlie Hackensmith will run the Faison office from early June through July. In addition to eastern North Carolina potatoes, he will report the Faison auction and shipping point markets for cucumbers, peppers, and other vegetables from packinghouses in the Faison area. There is a high degree of grower interest in this new vegetable report since market news hasn't been available to them in the past. Telephone recorders will be installed at both locations.

● Canadian-American Market News Cooperation

Warren C. Thomas, chief of the Market Information Section, Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, recently visited the Market News Branch in Washington to discuss the exchange of market information between the Canadian and U.S. fruit and vegetable market news service. Agriculture Canada has been furnishing the Market News Branch with weekly reports on the wholesale markets at Montreal and Toronto for dissemination to U.S. shippers and distributors. Agriculture Canada plans to install a receiving teletype connected to our leased wire system which will greatly speed the dissemination of U.S. market information to Canadian wholesalers and growers.

● Visitors

Tom Hill and **Bill Crocker**, New York City market reporters recently escorted officials and exporters from Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, and the Dominican Republic on tours of the Hunts Point Market.

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● PACA Actions

Three firms were recently found to have committed repeated and flagrant violations of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act. Once violations under the Act are established, the license of the licensee and any responsibly connected persons is revoked. The firm's officers, directors, and stockholders cannot be issued a new license for two years and may not be employed by a PACA licensee for one year.

The license of Bill Koustenis, Inc., Washington, D.C., was revoked April 28 because the firm failed to pay more than \$57,000 for produce purchased between October 1969 and April 1974. **Paul Koenigsberg** and **Tom Pelletier** handled the case.

Stillman Produce Co., Inc., Belmont, Mass., and L. M. Browers Co., Inc., Riverside, Calif., failed to pay \$93,263 and \$115,326, respectively, to numerous shippers for produce purchased in 1974, and their licenses were revoked. **Paul** handled the Stillman case, and both **Paul** and **Tom** worked on the Browers case.

● Slow Payments Mean License Suspension for 2 Maine Processors

For the first time in the 45-year history of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, two processors have been suspended from operating under the Act for failing to pay their suppliers within the time agreed upon in the contracts. The licenses of Potato Service, Inc., Presque Isle (also does business under the trade name Western Potato Service, Grand Forks, N.D.) and American Kitchen Foods, Inc., Caribou, Maine, were suspended for 50 days, May 31 through July 19.

American Kitchen Foods, Inc., failed to fully and promptly pay its suppliers more than \$95,000 for 160 bulkloads of potatoes. Potato Service, Inc., failed to pay its suppliers more than \$301,000 for 393 bulkloads of potatoes.

The entire \$396,000 has now been paid in full to the growers.

Both firms filed answers to the complaints and consented to the 50 day suspensions. The officers, directors, and holders of more than 10 percent of the stock cannot be employed or affiliated in any capacity with another licensee during the suspension periods. During the suspensions the corporations are barred from buying and selling fruits and vegetables. Nor may they contract for the purchase and sale of potatoes—a particularly significant restriction since this is the time of year when firms normally contract for potato supplies from the 1975-76 crop.

● Item of Interest: Potato Board Annual Meet

At its annual meeting in Denver April 7-8 the National Potato Board elected officers and developed its program for the 1976 fiscal year.

Newly-elected officers are: Gary Ball (Idaho) - president; Ernest Bushman (Wisconsin), Vernon James (North Carolina), and Edward Hastillo (Connecticut) - vice-presidents; Don Johnston (California) - secretary; and James Tonso (Colorado) - treasurer.

Promotion programs for the upcoming year will emphasize the nutritional characteristics of potatoes in ads in consumer magazines and trade journals. The Board also plans to continue its merchandising and foreign market development activities.

In the market research area, the Board will continue to update information on the nutritional value of fresh and processed potatoes, and a consumer attitude survey is under consideration.

Potato Board members include growers from all important potato growing areas, with the number of representatives for state based on state production. Seventy-three people attended this year's meeting. **Don Kuryloski**, chief of the Vegetable Branch, and **Bob Case** of the Denver Marketing Field Office represented the Department.

● Processed Products Standardization and Inspection Branch Activities

Jim Marine, area officer-in-charge at Battle Creek, Mich., and Inspector **Floyd Ermer** participated in the program of the Michigan Cannery and Freezers Association Workshop in Grand Rapids. Jim and Floyd presented the Branch's slide series, "Plant Layout, Equipment, and Sanitation," for over 200 personnel from processing plants throughout the state. Requests were made for additional showings of the series.

Everoul Freking, inspector-in-charge of the new suboffice in Mankato, Minn., was given special recognition by the Mankato Chamber of Commerce on March 21. The chamber awarded Everoul a plaque reading, "*Congratulations and Best Wishes to U.S. Department of Agriculture, F&V Inspection. May the confidence you have shown in this community and its economy be rewarded with a lifetime of success.*"

Ligon Johnson, assistant head, Inspection Section, Fresh Products Standardization and Inspection Branch,

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and **Bob Mogg**, assistant to the head of the Inspection Section, PPSI Branch, met with the Peanut Administrative Committee Aflatoxin Sampling Subcommittee in Atlanta, Ga., on April 29. Details for an improved aflatoxin sampling plan for the 1975 crop were worked out and will be submitted to the full committee. Ligon and Bob also discussed procedures for drawing appeal samples from bulk loads in cars and trucks with the Subcommittee.

GRAIN

● **Visitors**

Dr. R. R. Hedding, senior seeds officer of the Department of Agriculture, Victoria, Melbourne, Australia, visited with **Clyde Edwards**, chief of the Seed Branch to discuss seed law enforcement, seed certification laws, inspection of imported seed, and seed marketing. Clyde reports that Australia does not have federal seed laws as such, but that each state has its own seed laws and each has a strong department of agriculture.

Dr. Hedding also visited with **Stan Rollin**, commissioner of the Plant Variety Protection Office. Dr. Hedding is responsible for developing and writing an act similar to the Plant Variety Protection Act for Australia.

Edith Christensen, manager, Commodity Inspection Laboratory, explained the Lab's data collection system to John Gecan, Food & Drug Administration, who visited the lab at Beltsville on April 18. Mr. Gecan collects historical data on the incidence of insect and rodent filth in flour which he'll computerize to develop up-to-date defect action levels for flour.

Bill Hughes, market news reporter, Portland, Ore., was kept busy explaining the grain market news service in late April: Bill spoke with a Korean Food Processing Team, a Japanese Food Agency Team, and with county extension marketing specialists.

● **Meetings**

Director **Dave Gallart** attended the 79th annual convention of the National Grain and Feed Association in Honolulu in the Spring. Dave presented a report on present and future grain inspection and standardization activities to the Association's Grain Grades Committee.

Gall Jackson, chief, **Harold Skinner**, acting chairman, Board of Appeals and Review, and **Dave Fulk**, Standardization Branch, and **Lloyd Brown**,

Inspection Branch, participated in a hay quality and analysis roundtable held by ARS in Beltsville, April 28 to May 2. The group evaluated hay inspection procedures and the U.S. hay standards and discussed whether the standards should be amended to better reflect the nutritional values of hay. Harold explained the present standards and the procedure for amending them. The group discussed revising the standards to include "dry matter" and "modified crude fiber."

● **Corn Quality**

Back in late April, **Gall Jackson**, chief of the Standardization Branch, and **Dave Fulk** met with Dr. Lowell Hill, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Illinois, to discuss research topics for improving corn quality in world markets.

As follow-up to that session, **Ed Liebe**, assistant chief of the Standardization Branch, and **Gall Nunn**, officer-in-charge of the Peoria, Ill., office participated in a workshop on corn quality at the University of Illinois on May 20. Ed reports that one conclusion that came out of the workshop is that research is needed to establish economic values for test-weight and other identified quality factors in corn.

● **Garlic Bulblets in Soft Red Winter Wheat**

Last year's soft red winter wheat crop contained significant quantities of green garlic bulblets. (Dried garlic bulblets look something like small pieces of broken wheat and present an identification problem.) The trade believes the present limits for the dried bulblets in soft red winter wheat are too rigid. To discuss the problem, **Ed Liebe** met April 22 with James Layton, St. Louis Grain Corporation; Harold House, Louis Dreyfus Corporation; Bill Brooks, National Grain Trade Council; and Quentin Bates, Missouri Farmers Association.

The Standardization Branch is studying the issue.

● **Cotter to USSR on Corn Shipment Complaints**

On April 18 **Jerry Cotter**, head of the Grain Inspection Section, Inspection Branch, and representatives from FAS, ARS, the Office of Investigation, Continental Grain Co., and Cook Industries, left the U.S. for a week's meeting with Soviet officials in Moscow and Odessa. The Americans were looking into Soviet complaints that U.S. corn shipments contained insect infestation, fumigant residue, and broken corn and foreign material.

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In follow-up sessions in May two Russian representatives who are attached to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., and a third Russian visiting from the USSR, met with members of the Grain Inspection Branch in Hyattsville to discuss the findings of the April trip, and to learn about studies comparing U.S. and USSR corn standards. The visitors were Anatoly Y. Tsukanov, plant protection, USSR representative to the U.S.; Nikolai N. Kruglov, commercial counselor, deputy trade representative of the USSR; and Eugenij Bannikov, deputy director of the Grain Department, USSR, who was visiting Washington, D.C.

Mr. Tsukanov, Mr. Kruglov, and Gary A. Sikkink, domestic merchandising manager, Cook Industries, also visited the Philadelphia and Baltimore field offices of the Inspection Branch.

● Training

Bill Holt and **Dave Fulk**, Standardization Branch, each spent one week in April at the Kansas City Inspection Branch field office as part of an on-the-job training program.

Ed Cross and **Homer Dunn** of the Kansas City field office and **Alex Hueseman** of the St. Louis office helped to conduct four grain grading schools, held in Carrollton, St. Joseph, Mexico, and Portageville, Mo., during May. The schools were held in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the Missouri Agriculture Industries Council, and the University of Missouri.

Frank Kretzliger, supervisor of the Denver field office, in cooperation with the Denver Grain Exchange and the Colorado Grain & Feed Dealers, held three grain grading schools in Colorado, May 20-22. Country elevator operators and producers were shown the basic equipment and interpretations in grain grading.

Doyle Hurley and **Ray Levine**, Houston, Tex.; **Marle Teeple** and **John Baretta**, Omaha, Neb.; **Bob Aulick**, New Orleans, La.; **Bob Peterson** and **Bob Michelson**, Minneapolis, Minn.; **Lavolr Duvall**, Wichita, Kan.; and **Fred Kelly**, Toledo, Ohio who were all recently promoted to GS-9 agricultural commodity graders, attended a grain grading seminar held at Beltsville, April 21 to 24. The seminar emphasized the grading of grain that is frost, sprout, germ, and heat-damaged, and covered the classing of wheat.

During April **Bob Albert**, assistant to the director, and **Betty Robertson**, program assistant, Training and Recruiting Office, made presentations at 19 universi-

ties to recruit agricultural commodity graders for the Inspection Branch and botanists (seed technologists) for the Seed Branch. An orientation course will be held during the week of June 22 for the new ACG's

LIVESTOCK

● USDA Grades are Basis for Livestock & Meat Contests

Charlie McIntyre of the Standardization Branch, Washington, D.C., and **Boyd Gibson**, supervisory meat grader at North Salt Lake City, Utah, participated in the Northwestern Meat Animal and Carcass Evaluation Contest, April 18-19, at Twin Falls, Idaho. Charlie served on the committee which evaluated live meat animals, and Boyd on the committee which graded the carcasses of the animals after slaughter—USDA grade standards were used for both livestock and carcasses. Seven universities participated in the contest, which was designed to show the relationship between carcass characteristics and live animal evaluation.

Curtis Green of the Standardization Branch was on the official committee of the Southeastern Inter-collegiate Meat Judging Contest in Plant City, Fla., April 18-19. Student teams from seven schools were judged on their ability (1) to grade beef carcasses for quality and yield according to USDA grade standards and (2) to place classes of beef, lamb, and pork carcasses and cuts.

● Improved Dissemination of Sheep & Lamb Market Data

To promote the more efficient marketing of sheep and lambs, Market News Branch officials have been working closely with the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc. (ASPC) to improve the dissemination of market information on live and dressed sheep and lamb. The daily and weekly national sheep summaries—prepared by reporter **Hal Churchill** at the San Angelo, Tex., office—have been enlarged to include more information on sheep and lamb sales in the western states as well as data on carcass lambs sold on the east coast previously, most of the information was from the midwest. In the future, livestock reporters will attend sheep industry meetings to explain to producers the various available market reports.

Division News



Livestock Division trainees take a picture break during spring visit to the Washington office. Members of the February 1975 class (unless otherwise noted), they are, from left to right: seated—Billy McCalla (November 1974 trainee), Dennis Garton (November), Allen Henrie, and Earl Hendrickson;

standing—Kevin McClain, Thomas Sandau, Rudy Ramirez (November), Paul Swint (November), Mark Longo (November), Evan Stachowicz, Keith Schulenburg, Jerry Tyler, and Charles Wilbur.

● Trainees Meet in Washington

Thirteen Division trainees (five members in the November '74 class and eight members in the February '75 group) met in Washington, April 29-May 2, for instruction in all aspects of Division activities. From May 5-9 the February class trained in meat acceptance procedures at the Ohio State University campus at Columbus, and on May 12 the trainees reported to their official duty stations (their second field locations) to complete training, as follows:

Earl Hendrickson, Sioux City, Iowa; **Allen Henrie**, Bell, Calif.; **Kevin McClain**, South St. Joseph, Mo.; **C. Thomas Sandau**, Amarillo, Tex.; **Keith Schulenburg**, Chicago, Ill.; **Evan Stachowicz**, Bell, Calif.; **Jerry Tyler**, Sioux City, Iowa; and **Charles Wilbur**, Denver, Colo. Kevin McClain has been assigned market news duties; all the other trainees are in meat grading.

The November '74 class received acceptance service training at Columbus in February, and the four meat grading trainees in this class (one member is assigned to market news) participated in a technical (review-of-progress) meeting at Sioux Falls, S.D., April 15-17.

After the Washington meeting, the November trainees returned to their field stations (listed in the March *AMS Report*)—with the formal part of their training now completed.

● Livestock Reporting Expanded in Missouri; Workshop Held

Effective April 14, the Federal-State market news program in Missouri was expanded to include livestock sales at the Joplin, Mo., market and direct feeder cattle sales in southern Missouri (neither of these had been quoted before). Both the market and direct sales are being covered by a Missouri state market reporter, with technical supervision by **Phil McFall**, head of the South St. Joseph, Mo., market news office. In 1974, 99,792 cattle, 9,205 calves, and 66,706 hogs were sold at the Joplin market.

On April 17-19 **Phil McFall** joined **Fred Williams** of the Standardization Branch in conducting a grading workshop for Missouri state reporters and livestock graders at Springfield. USDA live and carcass grades for cattle and hogs were reviewed to insure uniform application of Federal standards.

Division News

● Williams Conducts Grading Workshop in Oregon

Fred Williams conducted a slaughter cattle grading workshop for about 150 producers, feeders, and Extension Service personnel in Pendleton, Ore., April 1-3. He demonstrated USDA live and carcass quality and yield grades. Fred's presentation was video taped for future use in Oregon state educational farm programs.

● U.S. Live Grades Demonstrated for FFA Students

Bob Jorgensen, market news western area supervisor, was the main speaker at the third annual Future Farmers of America (FFA) grading demonstration and contest April 1 at the South St. Joseph, Mo., stockyards. Sponsored by the local livestock market, the program included a thorough discussion and demonstration of USDA grade standards for slaughter steers and

heifers, slaughter hogs, and feeder cattle.

Attending the program were some 175 FFA students and 35 teachers from 35 schools in northwestern Missouri and northeastern Kansas. The students competed in a grading contest that included 10 live animals in each class of livestock.

Bob was assisted in conducting the program by Phil McFall, head of the market news office at South St. Joseph; Ron Cole (now stationed at Des Moines, Iowa) and Ray Faulk, livestock market reporters at South St. Joseph; Kevin McClain, a market news trainee from the Division's February training class; and an official from the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

POULTRY

● The Division regrets to report the death April 20 of Mrs. Miriam S. Ferrara, a clerk-typist in the Market

Bob Jorgensen (second from right) and associates at 3rd annual FFA program in South St. Joseph, Mo. From left:

Wayne Yokley, of the Missouri Department of Agriculture; Kevin McClain; Phil McFall; Bob, and Ron Cole.



Division News

News Office, Newark, N.J. We will miss Mrs. Ferrara who worked with us for the past 11 years.

● Egg Products Sanitary Standards Meeting

Standardization Branch Assistant Chief **Merlin Nichols** attended an E-3-A Sanitary Standards Committee meeting in Hunt Valley, Md., in April. The committee, made up of representatives from USDA, USPHS (U.S. Public Health Service)/FDA, and the egg products industry, as well as egg products equipment manufacturers, and state sanitarians, discussed sanitary standards for equipment used by the egg products industry.

● Wruk Meets with Canadian Official

Market News Chief **Ray Wruk** met with Warren Thomas of the Markets Information Section, Canada Department of Agriculture on April 15. They discussed areas of mutual interest such as acquiring and disseminating poultry and egg market news information.

● Gulich to SPEA Planning Session in Atlanta

In late April Standardization Branch Chief **Dick Gulich** attended the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Association's (SPEA) planning session for the curriculum of its annual egg grading school. This year's school is being held this month in Atlanta.

TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSE

● Honea, Henry Help Out in Portland Area

Crumpton B. Honea of the Memphis, Tenn., office

and **Billie P. Henry** of the Temple, Tex., area of the Warehouse Service Branch have accepted temporary duty assignments in the Portland, Ore., area to help out with a backlog of warehouse examination work. **Crumpton** performed examinations on cotton warehouses in Picacho and Phoenix, Ariz. and **Billie** worked in the Fresno, Calif., region. Cross-utilizing personnel helps the area accomplish its work goal and enlarges the work experience of the examiners.

INFORMATION

● Film Wins Award

"Quality for All Seasons," a film describing the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection service, has been awarded a blue ribbon for excellence by the American Association of Agricultural College Editors. The blue ribbon is the top honor awarded for outstanding agricultural publications and audio-visual presentations in the Association's annual contest.

"Quality for All Seasons" is an 18-minute color film produced by the Fruit and Vegetable Division's Fresh Products Standardization and Inspection Branch in cooperation with the AMS Information Division. Production of the film was carried out by USDA's Motion Picture Division. **M. Fisher Kee** (now retired) was the technical coordinator for the Fruit and Vegetable Division. **Sheila Nelson**, Marketing Services Branch, was the Information Division coordinator and authored the narration.

Personnel Actions

RETIREMENTS

Dairy

Clyde Asbury, from the Ohio Valley Milk Order, retired on April 25. Clyde, an administrative officer, retired with nearly 33 years of federal service.

Glenn T. Dubberly, from the Oklahoma Metropolitan Milk Order, retired as an auditor on April 25. Glenn has served

nearly 31 years for the federal government.

Audrey M. Eldredge, from the Eastern Colorado - Western Colorado Milk Order, retired on April 15. Audrey was an administrative assistant and retired with 15 years of federal service.

Harold J. Hermanson, from the Chicago Regional Milk Order, retired on April 11. Harold, an auditor, retired with nearly 16 years of federal service.

Personnel Actions

Livestock

Herbert C. Wolf, meat grader stationed at Dallas, Tex., retired May 10. He began working as a meat grader at National Stock Yards, Ill., in Jan. 1943 and left for military service seven months later; he returned to duty in 1946. His duty stations included New Orleans, La.; South St. Joseph, Mo.; Omaha, Neb.; Sioux City, Iowa; Kansas City, Mo.; and Dallas, Tex., (since 1966). His service with the Division was interrupted during several periods (1947-48 and 1964-66) when he worked for private industry.

Poultry

Sterling L. Creighton, agricultural commodity grader, Canton, Miss., retired April 17 after 18 years of service with the federal government, 16 were with the Poultry Division.

Omia W. Day, agricultural commodity grader, Moulton, Ala., with the Division for six years, retired April 15.

Joe K. Gifford, federal-state supervisor, Chicago, Ill., retired April 26. Joe had a total of 23 years service with the Division.

WELCOME

Dairy

The following employees joined offices of the milk market administrators:

Jeffrey K. Crossfield, milk sampler-tester, Chicago Regional Milk Order, March 30

Ronald L. Ford, auditor trainee, Chicago Regional Milk Order, April 13.

Jack R. Guenther, auditor trainee, Chicago Regional Milk Order, March 30.

Charles F. Hill, Jr., laboratory aide, Indiana Milk Order, April 9.

Sue Ann Moler, clerk-typist, North Texas Milk Order, March 24.

Grain

Ronald Bartlinski, physical science aide, Commodity Laboratory, Beltsville, Md., April 6.

Thaddeus Frey, plant variety examiner, Plant Variety Protection Office, Beltsville, Md., May 11.

Isaac Henry, agricultural commodity grader, Mobile, Ala., Inspection Branch field office, May 11.

Patricia Kennedy, clerk-typist, Kansas City, Mo., Inspection Branch field office, April 27.

Berley Nall, agricultural commodity aide, Jonesboro, Ark., Inspection Branch field office, April 14.

John Ross, agricultural commodity aide, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Inspection Branch field office, April 13.

Sandra Smith, clerk-typist, Market News Branch, April 13.

Kathleen Staker, physical science aide, Commodity Laboratory, Beltsville, Md., April 6.

Cheryl Willis, clerk steno, National Coordinators Unit in Hyattsville, Md., May 11.

Poultry

Ruby W. McCoy, clerk-typist, Pittsburg, Pa., Market News.

Edra S. Webb, agricultural commodity grader, Odon, In., Grading Branch.

RESIGNED

Grain

Peggy Crespin, clerk-typist, Denver, Colo., Inspection Branch field office, March 29.

Marlyn Tessman, agricultural commodity grader, New Orleans, La., Inspection Branch field office.

Eugene Vallery, agricultural commodity aide, New Orleans, La., Inspection Branch field office, April 2.

Poultry

Patricia Gorsin, clerk-typist, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bobby C. Porter, agricultural commodity grader, Water Valley, Miss.

TRANSITION

Fruit and Vegetable

Verla J. Cannon, clerk-typist, Program Analysis Section, Fruit Branch, transferred to the Foreign Agricultural Service on April 13.

Gregg Radetsky, Office of General Council, Washington, D.C., transferred to the Regulatory Branch as a marketing specialist in the Fort Worth, Tex., office on April 13.

Grain

David R. Galliard, deputy director of the Grain Division since 1970, was named director June 1. Dave takes over for **Howard Woodworth**, who has accepted a new assignment as deputy director for the Division's regulatory programs.

A native Kansan, Dave attended Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kan., and Phillips University, Enid, Okla. He served two years in the U.S. Navy before joining the government in 1953 as an agricultural commodity grader with the Grain Division in Enid.

In his years with the Division, Dave has held various supervisory positions, among them chief of the Standardization Branch (1968-70).

Dave and his family live in Bowie, Md.

Don Gassler, agricultural commodity grader, Sacramento, Calif., field office of Inspection Branch to Board of Appeals & Review, Standardization Branch, Beltsville, Md.

John Manis, agricultural commodity grader, Mobile, Ala., field office of Inspection Branch to Grain Inspection Section, Hyattsville, Md.

Angie Marchetti, secretary, Office of the Director, Hyattsville, Md., to APHIS, Hyattsville.

Lester Toms, agricultural commodity grader, St. Louis, Mo., field office of Inspection Branch to Board of Appeals & Review, Standardization Branch, Beltsville, Md.

Personnel Actions

Livestock

Meat Grading:

Leslie Bishop - Bell, Calif., to Emporia, Kan.

Barry Carpenter - Neward, N.J. to Cincinnati, Ohio

William Jones - Sioux City, Iowa, to Green Bay, Wis.

Poultry

Mary J. Anderson, agricultural commodity grader, Empire to Cullman, Ala.

Virginia L. Thrash, agricultural commodity grader, Forest to McComb, Miss.

PROMOTIONS

Grain

Mildred Comeaux, clerk-typist, Inspection Branch field office, New Orleans, La., to clerk-dispatcher.

Susan Juettner, personnel clerk, Administrative Group, to personnel assistant.

Wilbur Matthews, physical science aide, Commodity Testing Laboratory, Inspection Branch, Beltsville, Md., to automotive equipment operator.

Rosemary Scully, clerk-steno, Seed Branch, to secretary-steno, Standardization Branch.

Harold Skinner, member, Board of Appeals & Review, Beltsville, Md., to national coordinator, Hyattsville, Md.

AWARDS

Livestock

Length of Service Awards

Washington Office

30 Years

Bruce B. Harding, Market News

Donald D. Johnston, Standardization

John C. Pierce, Director's Office

25 Years

William D. Watkins, Meat Grading

10 Years

Edna L. Clark, Director's Office

Leonard W. Condon, Program Analysis

Lewis E. Lebakken, Jr., Meat Grading

Market News - Field

30 Years

John J. O'Neill, Newark, N.J.

25 Years

Lamar A. Harden, Montgomery, Ala.

Marshall G. Ivy, Omaha, Neb.

20 Years

Edis D. Ayres, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.

Hal T. Churchill, San Angelo, Tex.

Allen C. Cloud, Columbia, S.C.

Jerry E. McCarty, Amarillo, Tex.

James J. McElhany, Sioux City, Iowa

James E. Upton, Indianapolis, Ind.

10 Years

Phil B. McFall, South St. Joseph, Mo.

Donald W. Perkins, Peoria, Ill.

William L. Terry, Fort Worth, Tex.

Meat Grading - Field

25 Years

John P. Herpel, San Francisco, Calif.

John E. Holcombe, Dallas, Tex.

Magnus A. Modene, Austin, Minn.

David V. Montague, Ogden, Utah

Robert Pechos, Chicago, Ill.

Richard W. Theobald, Kansas City, Mo.

Stanton B. Thompson, Clarksville, Tenn.

Royce A. Tomson, Ft. Dodge, Iowa

Doyle T. Williams, Dallas, Tex.

20 Years

Robert C. Eastes, Albuquerque, N.M.

Duane N. Fronk, Ogden, Utah

William J. Hunter, Coldwater, Mich.

Samuel R. Keyes, Newark, N.J.

Harold V. Levick, Clovis, N.M.

Richard H. Lietz, Chicago, Ill.

Wilfred C. Littman, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Lawrence P. Menegaz, Jr., Newark, N.J.

Alfred Pirri, Newark, N.J.

Raymond S. Rezac, Scottsbluff, Ariz.

John D. Stein, Des Moines, Iowa

Calvin J. Taft, Dubuque, Iowa

Robert M. Turner, Sioux City, Iowa

Michael J. Zacharkan, Knoxville, Tenn.

10 Years

John N. Cassevov, Rochester, N.Y.

Royce W. Chambers, Clarkwood, Tex.

Amedeo P. Fioravanti, Chicago, Ill.

James S. Gammon, Yoakum, Tex.

John A. Humphrey, Greeley, Colo.

Kenneth E. Kups, Postville, Neb.

Robert D. McHale, Amarillo, Tex.

Dale L. Monnin, Cincinnati, Ohio

B. Andrew Murray, Omaha, Neb.

Daniel L. Nash, Hebron, Ill.

Cleo K. Nosekabel, Amarillo, Tex.

James G. Rule, Mason City, Iowa

Denver Wool & Mohair Laboratory

Harry C. Reals, Jr., 25 years

Venita M. Maki, 20 years

Personnel Actions

Fruit and Vegetable

For over 20 years, the Fruit and Vegetable Division has held an annual Awards Ceremony, an occasion that has now become something of a tradition. This year **Director Floyd Hedlund** presented Washington, D.C., employees with their awards and acknowledged honors received by field employees during the past year in a ceremony May 27 in Jefferson Auditorium.

"Each year," Mr. Hedlund said in his opening remarks, "we have this opportunity to get together and honor those who have done something a little better than the rest of us."

Mr. Hedlund introduced **Administrator Ervin Peterson** who spoke to the Washington employees about his personal conviction that man can achieve and grow only as he helps others to realize their own potentials. "No one can achieve without first helping others to achieve," the Administrator said. "It is impossible for any one of us to grow in stature . . . except as we contribute to the growth of others . . . as a human being each of us is entitled to his personal dignity . . ."

Mr. Peterson said he believes achievement is made up of many attributes: integrity, willingness to work, inquisitiveness, the ability to communicate, self-respect, respect for fellow man, and a measure of cheerfulness.

Among the 27 Washington and 44 field honors was a 40-year Length of Service Award presented to **Don Matheson**, chief of the Fresh Products Standardization and Inspection Branch.



Length of Service Awards All Washington Employees

Ten Years

William Joseph Doyle - Specialty Crops Branch

Gilbert O. Hand - Fresh Products Standardization & Inspection (FPS&I) Branch

Shirley Church Sindelar - Fruit Branch

Elizabeth K. Suarez - Office of the Director

Twenty Years

Robin G. Henning (South America) - Specialty Crops Branch

Beatrice M. Lansdown - Market News Branch

William D. Paterson - Vegetable Branch

Helen E. Thomas - FPS&I Branch

Twenty-Five Years

Mildred W. Dent - Processed Products Standardization & Inspection (PPS&I) Branch

Photos by Lester Shepard



(Top picture) Director Floyd Hedlund (left) presents Hobert Felen and Grace Sullivan with 30-year Length of Service Awards.

(Picture at right) Mr. Hedlund congratulates Wes Gardner and Jim Miller for 25 years on the job.

Personnel Actions

Weston T. Gardner, Jr. - PPS&I Branch

Sterling P. Ingram, Jr. - PPS&I Branch

James S. Miller - Specialty Crops Branch

Abner W. Washington (ret. in '75) - Administrative Group

Thirty Years

Hobart N. Falen - PPS&I Branch

Margaret P. Meeks - FPS&I Branch

Grace B. Sullivan - Fruit Branch

Forty Years

Donald S. Matheson - FPS&I Branch

Cash Awards for Suggestions

WASHINGTON

Gerald F. Pittman, Market News Branch, Certificate of Appreciation and cash award of \$50 for his suggestion to Reduce the Number of A.B. Dick die numbers by adopting standard dies and consolidate orders for pre-cut stencils.

FIELD

Harry C. Munson, PPS&I Branch, Stockton, Calif., Certificate of Appreciation and cash award of \$100 for his suggestion to Establish Acceptance Criteria for Inspection of Condition of Container on a Continuous Basis.

James B. Finazzo, Jr., Market News Branch, New Orleans, La. Certificate of Appreciation and cash award of \$25 for his suggestion to Devise a Check Sheet for Control of Receipt and Filing of AMS Notices and Instructions.

Bobby L. Joyner, PPS&I Branch, Dothan, Ala., Certificate of Appreciation and cash award of \$35 for his suggestion to Modify Tip of Microfilter Syringe for Aflatoxin Analyses.

Austin H. Wilson, PPSI Branch, Stockton, Calif., Certificate of Appreciation and Cash award of \$110 for two suggestions, both relating to the Adams Ultra-Centrifuge: 1) to construct a holding apparatus for easier dismantling of the rotor ring from the rotor in the Centrifuge; and 2) to remodel the present wrench used for unscrewing the rotor ring from the rotor in the Adams Ultra-Centrifuge.

Kenneth C. Combes, PPSI Branch, Stockton, Calif., Certificate of Appreciation and cash award of \$110 for his suggestion to use cards in transferring information needed to determine the size of canned ripe olives to the Size Work Sheet (Form FV-374-9274). Limited usage of minimum canning sizes only.

Certificates of Merit and Quality Salary Increases

WASHINGTON

William D. Paterson, Vegetable Branch: *For use of sound judgment and determined effort in analyzing marketing prob-*

lems that occur for vegetables and potatoes and for sustained superior performance contributing to the efficient conduct of vegetable marketing programs.

Carroll F. Williams, Regulatory Branch: *For outstanding and efficient service to the Department and to the fruit and vegetable industry in administering the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.*

Jean D. Kemble, Office of the Director: *For exceptional proficiency, dependability and effectiveness in the performance of secretarial and administrative duties in a complex marketing system for fruits and vegetables, including international standards, and for her ever-cheerful response toward job responsibilities.*

FIELD

MARKET NEWS BRANCH

Marcia M. Jacoby, Los Angeles, Calif.: *For continuing exceptionally proficient and conscientious performance of clerk-typist duties contributing importantly to the effective operation of the Los Angeles Market News office.*

Rosemary M. Sweetland, Cincinnati, Ohio: *For continuing excellence in the performance of her duties as clerk-typist which has greatly contributed to the effective and efficient operation of the Cincinnati Fruit and Vegetable Market News office.*

Charles W. Hackensmith, II, Madison, Wis.: *For outstanding initiative and performance in expanding market news coverage of Wisconsin fruit and vegetable crops and in developing alternatives for disseminating marketing information.*

Patricia M. Paulson, San Francisco, Calif.: *For continued excellence in performance of duty and unusual initiative in developing methods of maintaining service to the public.*

FRESH PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION BRANCH

Leo M. Denbo, San Juan, Tex.: *For exceptional ability in the administration of the shipping point inspection program in Texas and New Mexico resulting in increased trade respect and acceptance of Government service by the fruit and vegetable industry.*

REGULATORY BRANCH

Charles F. Zambito, New York, N.Y.: *For outstanding and efficient service to the Department and to the fruit and vegetable industry in administering the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.*

PROCESSED PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION BRANCH

Robert S. Harris, Winter Haven, Fla.: *For continued superior performance in the inspection of processed fruits and vegetables and related products.*

Personnel Actions

James R. Rodeheaver, East Point, Ga.: *For continued superior performance in the inspection of processed fruits and vegetables and related products.*

James R. Hensley, Chicago, Ill.: *For continuing excellence in the performance of duties as a grader of processed fruits and vegetables in the Chicago area.*

Salvador G. Morales, San Jose, Calif.: *For continued excellence in the inspection of processed fruits and vegetables during 1974.*

James G. John, San Francisco, Calif.: *For continued excellence in the inspection of processed fruits and vegetables during 1974.*

Superior Performance Awards

FIELD

FRESH PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION BRANCH

Harry Shelby, Philadelphia, Pa., \$250: *For continuing exceptional performance for inspection and related duties contributing greatly to the effectiveness of the inspection programs in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area.*

Thomas Trombatore, Los Angeles, Calif., \$250: *For outstanding performance of inspection and related duties during a period of peak workload in the absence of the Officer-in-Charge.*

M. A. Torline, Collaborator (federal-state employee), San Juan, Tex.: *For high quality performance in the past that is expected to continue in the future, which has contributed substantially to the development and operation of a highly successful shipping point inspection program in the State of Texas.*

R. V. Spies, Collaborator (federal-state employee), San Juan, Tex.: *For excellence in the performance of administrative functions and for inspirational leadership of inspectors contributing greatly to an orderly and effective peanut inspection program in Texas.*

FIELD

REGULATORY BRANCH

Lorna M. Christle, Los Angeles, Calif., \$150: *For sustained superior performance of clerical and stenographic duties in administering the Perishable Commodities Act.*

FIELD

PROCESSED PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION BRANCH

Processed Inspectors: *For sustained superior performance in the inspection of processed fruits and vegetables and their products during 1974.*

Inspectors

Joseph L. Albert, Lewiston, Md. - \$200

Pleas B. Wood, Chicago, Ill. - \$200

Larry G. Lovell, Winter Haven, Fla. - \$200

Charles M. Schwaninger, Easton, Md. - \$200

Warren L. Bacon, Salem, Ore. - \$250

Shoso Doi, Merced, Calif. - \$250

Robert G. Lawrence, Wenatchee, Wash. - \$250

Herbert A. Hooper, Leesburg, Fla. - \$250

Richard D. Mier, New Richmond, Wis. - \$250

Theodore A. Weaver, Leesburg, Fla. - \$250

Gerald J. Prochaska, Winter Haven, Fla. - \$250

Thomas H. Kelley, Bradenton, Fla. - \$250

Elijah Richardson, Winter Haven, Fla. - \$250

Howard A. Jessop, Winter Haven, Fla. - \$250

Raisin Inspectors and Aides, Fresno, Calif.: *For sustained superior performance in the inspection of raisins during 1974.*

Ellet W. Shoemate - \$250

Beatrice E. Collier - \$200

Robert L. Williams - \$200

Delores Hartman - \$200

Valera E. Roque - \$200

George Boyajian - \$150

Marie R. Hammond - \$150

Veta K. Lowery - \$150

Corrine D. Wilson - \$150

Red Cross Blood Donor Program

Certificates of Honor, issued by the District of Columbia Chapter of the American National Red Cross for humanitarian services to others in donating blood, were presented to the following Washington employees:

TWO GALLON CERTIFICATES

Peter G. Chapogas - Vegetable Branch

Jay N. Guerber - Specialty Crops Branch

Karl E. Torline - Fresh Products S&I Branch

THREE GALLON CERTIFICATE

Carolyn L. Scales - Specialty Crops Branch

FOUR GALLON CERTIFICATES

Paul D. Koenigsberg - Regulatory Branch

Robert F. Matthews - Vegetable Branch

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